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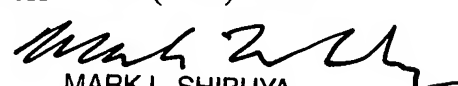
1) The Applicants' response received on November 27, 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Applicants' election with traverse (wherein the traversal will be addressed in the first Office action on the merits) of a probe according to claim 3 wherein L3 is a C6 alkylene group and L4 is a PEG phosphate group and a compound according to formula I wherein L1 is a C6 alkylene group, L2 is a single bond, and R is a hydroxyl group is not fully responsive because both the probe of formula II and the compound of formula I contain "HS" which has not been defined by the applicants. In addition, the specification does not distinctly define "HS". Thus the species election is incomplete because applicant did not elect a SINGLE, SPECIFIC SPECIES of a probe and of a compound due to the lack of defining "HS" as required.

2) Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be a bona fide attempt, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3) Please note that the examiner for the present application has changed.

4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amder D. Steele whose telephone number is 571-272-5538. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Schultz can be reached at 571-272-0763. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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